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hereto as Exhibit "A".)

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- The Summons and Complaint were served on TRUMP by personal service at Defendant's business address on January 14, 2011.
- 3. This notice is filed timely pursuant to 28 U.S.C. section 1446(b). Thirty days have not elapsed since the case became removable.
- 4. This action is a civil action of which this Court has original jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. section 1332, as there is complete diversity between the parties and I am informed and believe that more than \$75,000 is in controversy, exclusive of interest and costs. Accordingly, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. section 1441, TRUMP is entitled to remove this action to this Court.
- 5. This case arises out of a negligence claim, and I am informed and believe that Plaintiff seeks to recover in excess of \$75,000, exclusive of interest and costs.
- 6. Plaintiff is, and during all relevant times was, a resident of the State of Illinois. Defendant TRUMP is, and was at the time this action was commenced, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, with its principal place of business in the state of Delaware. Accordingly, there is now, and there was at the time of the commencement of this action, complete diversity between Plaintiff and Defendant.
- 7. The action in the state court was not commenced more than one year before the date of this removal.
- 8. A true and correct copy of this Notice of Removal will be filed with the Clerk for the Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County, Nevada.

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Based on the foregoing, TRUMP removes this action, which is currently pending in the Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County, Nevada as Case No. A628685 to this Court.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of February, 2011.

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

Pursuant to NRCP 5(b), I certify that I am an employee of Lewis Brisbois

Bisgaard & Smith LLP and that on this \_\_\_\_ day of February, 2011, I did cause a true copy

of NOTICE OF REMOVAL OF ACTION to be placed in the United States Mail, with first

class postage prepaid thereon, and addressed as follows:

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